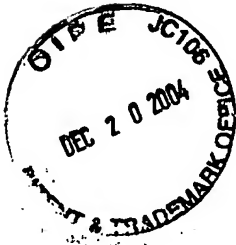


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Honorable Commissioner:

In Response to the Official Action dated September 16, 2004, Applicants present the following in timely response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks into the above-captioned patent application and reconsideration of all claims presented.